



Foreign Affairs Manual

3 FAM – Personnel

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3 FAM 6150 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT RETIREMENT COVERAGE FOR SPECIAL AGENTS COVERED UNDER THE FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY SYSTEM

Changes

1. This Change Transmittal, in addition to editing changes, issues the following revisions to 3 FAM 6150:
 - **3 FAM 6151, Authority:** The authorities for this subchapter are Public Law 105-382 and Public Law 106-554;
 - **3 FAM 6152, Coverage:** The Department of State Special Agents Retirement Act of 1998 was later amended, effective January 1, 2001, by Section 145 of Public Law 106-554 to allow special agents who retired between January 1, 1997 and the enactment of the Act on November 13, 1998, also to be eligible for the benefits;
 - **3 FAM 6152.2, Election of Coverage by Employee Participants on November 13, 1998, paragraph e. Effective date:** An election of coverage under Public Law 105-382 shall take effect immediately upon receipt of the completed election of coverage form by HR/RET, except that the extra .5% contribution will not become effective until the first day of the first pay period following the employing agency's receipt of a signed election form;
 - **3 FAM 6153, Effect of Coverage under Public Law 105-382:** Mandatory retirement effective on the last day of the month in which the employee attains age 57 and has 20 years of service as a special

agent (including service as a law enforcement officer under the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) or Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) or a member of the Capitol Police), unless retained for an additional period pursuant to Section 812(b) of the Foreign Service Act; and

- **3 FAM 6155, Computation of Survivor Annuity under Public Law 105-382:** If a special agent dies in service, after completing 20 years of service, as defined in 3 FAM 6154, subparagraph b(1), a survivor annuity payable under section 809 of the Foreign Service Act (Death in Service) shall be based on the computation formula in 3 FAM 6154, paragraph a.
2. If this issuance changed less than half the words, we formatted the changed text in *dark magenta italic*. If this issuance changed more than half the words, we did not use *dark magenta italic*. The CT line in each section shows when that section last changed.
 3. Officers are reminded that Department-issued materials not codified in the Foreign Affairs Manual or its supplemental Foreign Affairs Handbook series generally have no regulatory validity (see 2 FAM 1115.2).
 4. The office responsible for the material in this subchapter is the Bureau of Human Resources Office of Retirement (HR/RET). Please direct questions concerning content, substance, and interpretation to this office. Administrative questions on the Foreign Affairs Manual or Handbooks can be directed to A/GIS/DIR, Office of Directives Management.

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2 FAM 1116.5).

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